

JULIA WARD HOWE'S MEMORY

MAJ. SPEAKERS RECALL HER IN A WOMAN IN WHITE.

The Rev. Robert Collier Gives His Reminiscences of Her—Says That He Didn't Kiss Her Last April at a Celebration President Woolsey Speaks.

Friends of Julia Ward Howe who met at the Madison Theatre yesterday morning to talk about her life were told by several speakers that they remembered seeing her on this or that occasion dressed in white. Each seemed to think the color symbolized her character. The meeting was held under the auspices of the League for Political Education. The audience, which comfortably filled the house, was composed mostly of women. There were many Bostonians present who had come on especially to pay tribute.

The Rev. Dr. Charles E. Stowe, son of the Rev. Beecher Stowe, saw fit to couple the names of his mother and Mrs. Howe in appreciation of their life and work. "They were both of the old New England stock," he said, "and expressed the spirit of their ancestry through their genius for moral ideas. Neither was purely aesthetic; they were both artists, but they were reformers first. It may have spoiled her looks from a purely aesthetic point of view," he said, speaking of his mother, "but it did not spoil her life."

The Rev. Robert Collier, who is a very old man and a great-grandfather, was a friend of Mrs. Howe for forty-five years in both Chicago and Boston. When he stood up with his long, white hair streaming from his shoulders the audience was prepared to give him a deferential hearing, but he was well up to the occasion. "I remember one time soon after I met Mrs. Howe," he said, "when she asked me to come to breakfast. Needless to say I was greatly honored, but I couldn't but wonder what the breakfast would be like, for she had given me to understand that she would get it herself. Well, people think literary women and those with causes on their hands aren't good housekeepers, but let me tell you that that was the best breakfast I ever ate."

Dr. Collier told of his church in Chicago where the Rev. Dr. James Freeman Clark assisted and mentioned the names of the Sunday night speakers they used to have—Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Wendell Phillips and Mrs. Howe. "And Mrs. Howe was the one that could fill the old church to its limit."

He mentioned the centennial celebration held last April of Dr. Freeman Clark's birthday and he told how they carried Mrs. Howe in and put her on a couch. She was dressed in white. Mr. Collier digressed at this point to express in his personal view the appropriateness of the color. From the couch she made her speech distinct and clear and read a poem she had written for the occasion. "I would like to have kissed her," said Dr. Collier. "I wish I had. She is one of the sweetest and noblest memories of my old age."

President Mary E. Woolley of Mount Holyoke college spoke of Mrs. Howe's many-sidedness as musician and poet, philosopher and critic, philanthropist and patriot, public speaker and leader, devoted wife and mother. She was all this and more, said President Woolley. She also paid a tribute to Mrs. Howe's "almost perfect balance," saying "she was intense in conviction and had the courage of her convictions, yet she was always reasonable, always tactful. The strength that is so often synonymous with excess in some one direction was not a characteristic of hers."

She remembered the many occasions when she had seen Mrs. Howe and spoke especially of the Smith College exercises recently when Mrs. Howe received a doctor's degree.

"No one present," said President Woolley, "is likely to forget the picture of the little white-robed figure in academic gown and cap, honored to the degree, which in the granting conferred honor upon the college that gave it."

She spoke of Mrs. Howe's interest in the cause of liberty in many different manifestations and said: "With her passion for freedom she could not be other than a valiant supporter of equal suffrage, a capable leader who brought all the greater influence because of her sweet reasonableness."

President Woolley spoke of the patriotism of the woman who bore and bred in luxury held up always a patriotic and noble interpretation of what privilege meant.

Miss Clara Barton, first president of the American Red Cross, could not but pay her promised tribute, but a friend of Miss Barton, Miss Evelyn Gurley-Kane, read a short address for her.

Then every one stood up, including Mrs. Charlotte Wilbur and Mrs. Esther Hermann, "the fairy godmother of women's clubs," and Mrs. Christine Terhune (Marion Harland), who were all upon the platform, and listened to Francis Rogers sing the verses of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by the famous woman who liked to dress in white. All joined in the chorus.

Her Honor Must Be Shared With the Rest. Mrs. Belle B. Bates, whose house at 60 Riverside Drive is one of the six ordered shaved by Park Commissioner Sawyer in the mandamus proceedings brought by Charlotte Y. Ackerman because the house fronts encroach on the street, lost her last chance to save her house from when the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court denied her motion to make her a party to the proceedings.

Clayton-McKenzie. Miss Claude Hill McKenzie and William Beacher Clayton of Boston were married yesterday afternoon in the Chapel of the Angels, St. Michael's Protestant Episcopal Church, Ninety-ninth street and Amsterdam square. The Rev. Albert W. Hinds performed the ceremony and the bride was given in marriage by her father, Peter Beacher McKenzie. The Misses Isabel Beacher and Margaret Helen Beale of Yonkers were bridesmaids. Harry Waldo Strouli was the best man. The bride and groom were escorted by Mr. and Mrs. Beacher McKenzie of 31 Manhattan avenue gave a reception. Mr. Clayton is son of Capt. B. A. Clayton, U. S. A.

Nast-Norre. Miss Marie Annette Serre and Cyril Nast were married last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Nast, 100 West Thirty-eighth street. The Rev. Henry Motter, rector of the Church of the Holy Communion, Sixth avenue and Twenty-third street, performed the ceremony. The bride and groom were given away by their father, Mr. Samuel K. Thomas. The bride's sister, Miss Edith Nast, and the Misses Morgan as maid of honor. Hal and Margaret Serre were best man and bridesmaids. There were as many as twenty guests for the reception and supper after the ceremony. Mr. Nast is the youngest son of the late Thomas Nast, the cartoonist.

Pope-Fischer. Miss Laura Helen Fischer and Robert Watson Pope of Boston were married yesterday afternoon in St. Michael's Church. The bride was attended by Miss Elizabeth B. Pope, sister of the bride, and Miss Margaret Hill were bridesmaids. George Bartlett Ford was best man and Hal and Margaret Serre were bridesmaids. The bride and groom were escorted by Mr. and Mrs. Pope. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Madison C. Peters.

IN SOCIETY.

Whether to adorn the boxes in Madison Square Garden or those of the Metropolitan Opera House may be the vexed question of to-morrow night. This may be solved by being early at one and late at the other, but to the supper parties after both affairs, they are arranged and unalterable. There may be five Vanderbilt matrons at the opera to-morrow night, and these, with possibly one exception, will feel like paying tribute to the Vanderbilt management at the Garden. Mrs. Vanderbilt not having arrived from Europe, though expected over in a fortnight or so, her box, No. 31, is likely to be occupied to-morrow night by her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Edgar Shephard, and their daughter, Miss Maud Gwynne Shephard. Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt will occupy their box, No. 6. Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt will either be with Mrs. Vanderbilt's sister, Mrs. Ogden Gould, in box No. 1, or in No. 2, the R. T. Wilson box. Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and Mrs. French Vanderbilt have also arranged for the use of boxes. Mr. and Mrs. French Vanderbilt, if they get home from Europe in time, are likely to attend the Horse Show. Mrs. J. Ellis Hoffman is here at a hotel for the first time in several years, during which she has made her home in Paris. She did not return last winter for the wedding of her niece, Miss Eleanor B. Alexander and Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Mrs. Henry Addison Alexander, Mrs. Hoffman's sister, is now temporarily with her daughter in California, where the couple have their home. Mrs. Hoffman is the second wife of Mr. Hoffman, the first Mrs. Hoffman, a daughter of W. W. Sherman, being now Mrs. Norris Seiler.

Mrs. Hamilton McK. Twombly and Miss Ruth Vanderbilt Twombly will return to their town house, 684 Fifth avenue, to-morrow from Madison, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Ernesto G. Fabbri and Alessandro Fabbri, who leave next Wednesday for Europe on the Adriatic, will be absent all winter; also Mrs. Fabbri's mother, Mrs. Elliott F. Shephard, who is booked for the same steamer. Mrs. Harry Siegel, with her son, Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, and her daughters, the Misses Flora and Barbara, who will arrive in England next week, are absent for a few weeks only. Mrs. Twombly and Mrs. William Douglas Sloane will occupy their box at the opera to-morrow night. Mr. and Mrs. Seward Webb also will attend the performance.

Miss Angela de Acosta and William Sewall of Boston are to be married next Tuesday, November 15, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Ricardo de Acosta, 107 Madison avenue. Mr. Michael J. Lavelli of the Cathedral will perform the ceremony. The bride will be attended by her younger sister, Miss Mercedes de Acosta, as maid of honor. There will be no bridesmaids. Only relatives of the couple and some intimate friends will be present, and among these will be Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. Lydig, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Root, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Robinson Sargent, brothers-in-law and sisters of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo de Acosta, her father and sister-in-law. The bridegroom, who was of the class at Harvard, came to New York several days ago with his mother, Mrs. William B. Sewall, and other members of the family. Mrs. Sewall, who will be assisted by one of her three brothers as best man, will leave with his bride for South Africa, where he is connected with the Anglo-South African Company. One of his younger brothers, Harold Sewall, married Miss Virginia Evans, and the couple make their home usually with their parents. Admiral and Mrs. Evelyn Evans, Washington. The wife of the third brother, Rufus L. Sewall, was Miss Juanita Hewitt of Ardley on the Hudson, and he and his wife live in Boston. Mrs. Sewall, the mother, has passed most of her time abroad since her husband died.

Miss Bertha Bentley and Dr. Edward Cook are to be married next Wednesday at the home of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edgar Dunham at Pelham, N. Y. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver C. Bentley of Greenwich, N. Y. Dr. Cook is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook.

William Middleton Conyers and Miss Conyers, formerly Miss Edith Florence Menzies, who were married at the Church of the Transfiguration on October 18, have returned after having three weeks in London and Paris and are going on to Bermuda. Mr. Conyers has had a cottage built at Hamilton.

Sir William M. Ramsey and Lady Ramsey of London are in town. Baron Clifford is on his way home to England. Lady Antonette Johnstone, wife of Sir Alan Johnstone, who has been in Berlin, has been here several days. She will stay with her mother and brother, Mrs. James W. Pinchot and Gordon Pinchot, at their winter home in Washington. For a time, Lady Algonquin Gordon Lennox of London, who has been reporting in the Berkshires, is in town for the Horse Show. The Hon.

Alfred Yorke is here from England for the same event.

There will be a car attached to the train leaving New York at 3.35 from the Pennsylvania station next Wednesday for the town bride guests of Miss Julia E. Finlay and Rite King, to be celebrated at St. John's Church, Great Neck, L. I. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Finlay, who will give a reception at their residence after the ceremony.

The marriage of Miss Grace Emily Spencer and George Frederick Leach will take place next Wednesday, November 16, in St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, Cornwall, N. Y. The Rev. Dr. Fulton, who will perform the ceremony, will be assisted by the Rev. Dr. Page. The bride will enter with her father, Dr. W. Spencer, who will give her in marriage. She will be attended by Miss Marjorie Minner of New York as maid of honor. Margaret Cocks will be the flower maiden. There will be no bridesmaids. James Sailer will be best man. The bride's parents will give a reception at their home.

Contesse R. di Pietro Billing of Turin has been in town for several days. Baron von Schroeder gave a dinner on Tuesday night at a hotel. Marquis and Marquise de la Rea Proclamation, Marquis and Marquise Joaquin de Pinillos arrived here early in the week from the other side. Prince and Princess Dentice di Fasso are now staying with the latter's mother, Mrs. Henry Siegel, at her home, 26 East Eighty-second street. Viconte and Vicomtesse Ph. de Tristano are here from Paris. Prince and Princess Drago have returned from their country place at Ardley and are at a hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Boulton of Fifth avenue will give a dance to-morrow night for their son, Howard Boulton, and Miss Grace Russell Jones, who are to be married next Thursday afternoon in St. James's Protestant Episcopal Church, Madison avenue and Seventy-first street. The bride will be attended at the wedding by her sister, Miss Mary E. B. Jones, as maid of honor, and by the Misses Beatrice Carpenter, Caroline Auchincloss, Eleanor de Cord, Katherine Jones of Baltimore as bridesmaids. William Barton Chapin will be best man, and the Messrs. W. Strother Jones, Jr., Arthur Russell Jones, William M. Collin, Jr., of New York; Robert M. Lewis, Edward Barton Chapin of Andover, Mass., and Frederick C. Ford of New York will be ushers. Bishop Courtney, rector of the church, will perform the ceremony at 4 o'clock. The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Strother Jones, will give a reception at their home, 30 East Sixty-third street.

Invitations are out for the wedding next Wednesday of Lieut. William Henry Shea and Miss Lelia Wenzelberger at the bride's home in San Francisco. She will be attended by Mrs. George Chase, Mrs. Adolphus Grueninger and Miss Lelia Collier as matrons and maid of honor. Lieut. Hugh Robinson will be best man.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Morice are to live in an apartment in West Fifty-eighth street, not far from the residence of Mrs. Morice's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Howland Brown. Since their home wedding on November 5 they have been on their bridal trip. Miss Caro Quarley Brown, who was the maid of honor and only attendant of her aunt at the wedding, was one of the debutantes in evidence at the annual ball at the Tuxedo Club house last Friday night.

Mrs. Benjamin H. Warder will depart for Europe next Wednesday to pass the winter in Rome with her son-in-law and daughter, John W. Garrett, First Secretary of the American Embassy, and Mrs. Garrett.

Mrs. French Vanderbilt, who has been house hunting in Washington, is now in town. Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., entertained friends at dinners at hotels last week. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald C. Vanderbilt, here for the time being with Alfred G. Vanderbilt, will depart soon for Europe for the winter.

Cards are here from Annapolis, Md. for the wedding of Miss Mary Arden Randall and John M. Cates to take place there next Wednesday. The bride is a daughter of John Wirt Randall, former President of the Senate of Maryland, and the bridegroom is an attorney of the Department of Justice in Washington. He was a member of the Yale football team and coached the midshipmen for several seasons.

In St. Bartholomew's Protestant Episcopal Church, Madison avenue and Forty-fourth street, the Misses Houghton will be married to the Messrs. Ellis and Gase next Wednesday afternoon. Miss Helene Seymour Houghton and George M. Gase

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